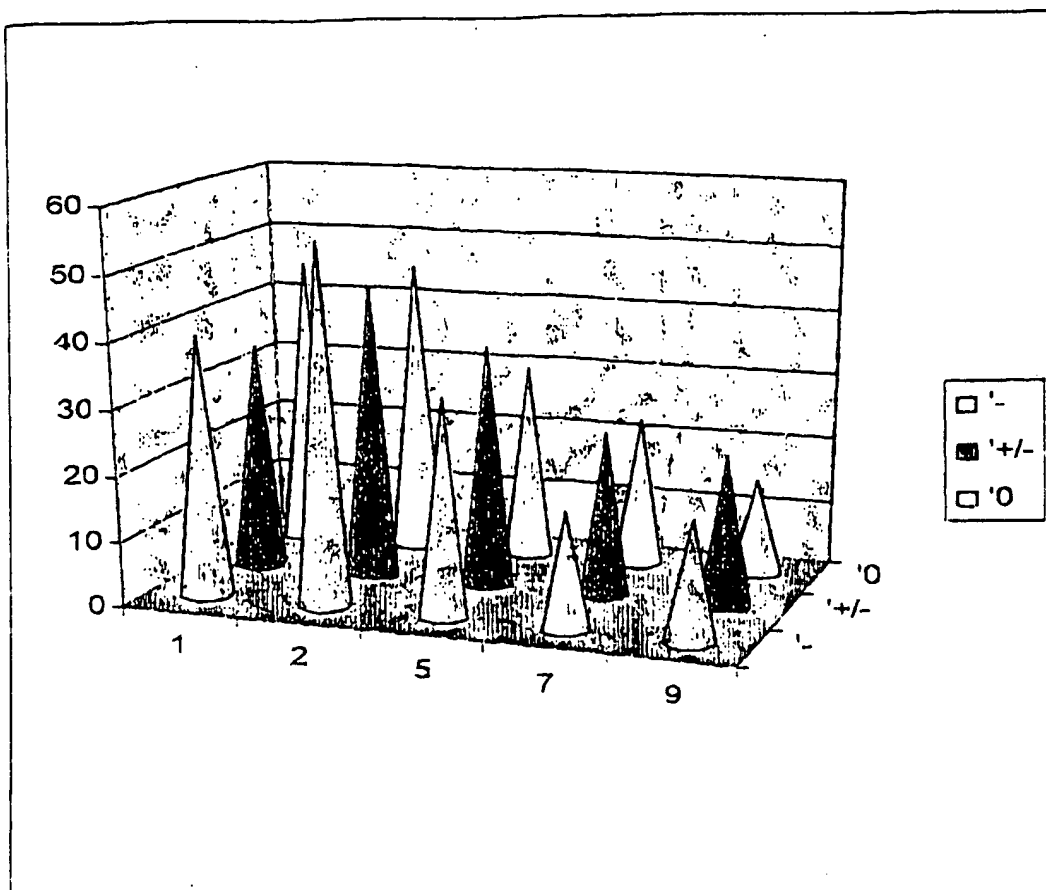


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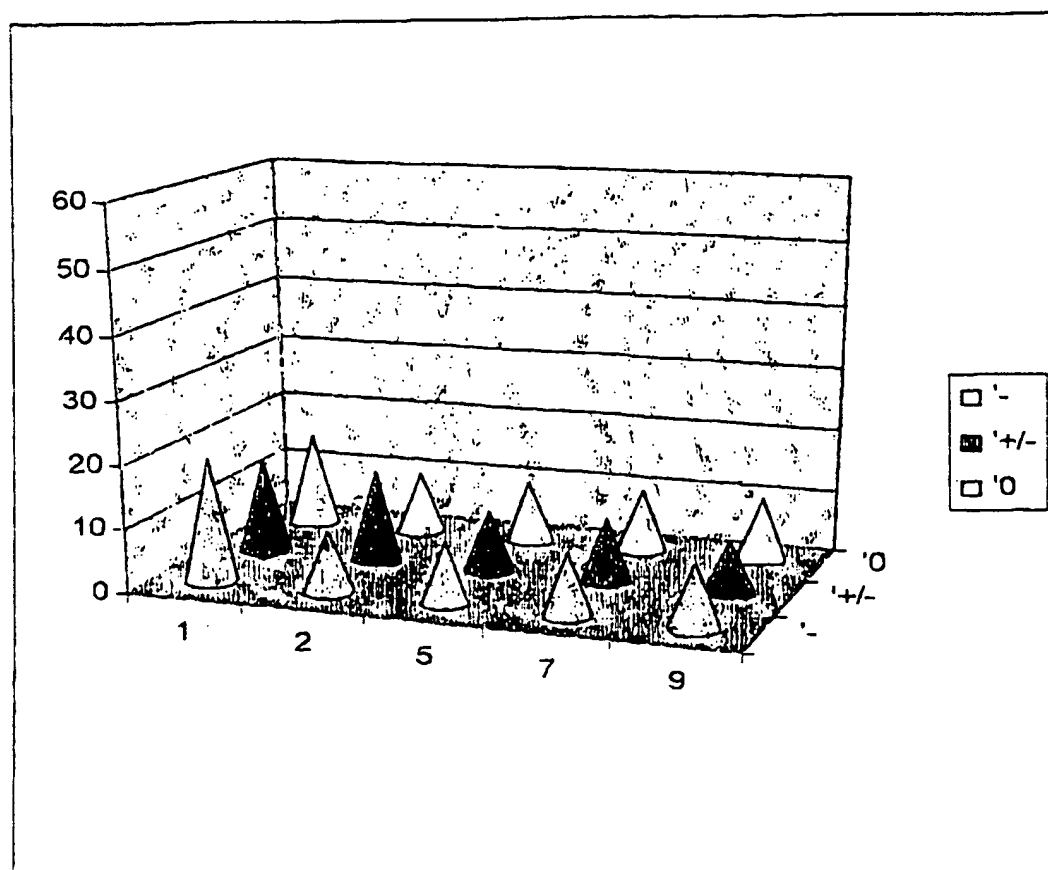


Water consumption red roses.

Water consumption in ml/day, vertical. Number of days, horizontal.

With negatively charged gel ("'-"), mixed gel ("'+/-") or no gel ("'0").

Fig. 1a



Water consumption red gerberas.

Water consumption in ml/day, vertical. Number of days, horizontal.

With negatively charged gel ("−"), mixed gel ("+/−") or no gel ("0").

Fig. 1b